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SUBJECT: SURINAM PARLIAMENT APPROVES 200-MILE ZONE

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1. SURINAM PARLIAMENT FINALLY PASSED SURINAM'S 200-MILE
LAW AFTER ALL-DAY SESSION ON JANUARY 11. BILL NOW GOES TO
PRESIDENT FERRIER FOR SIGNATURE, A PROCESS WHICH AS FOREIGN
MINISTRY OFFICIAL ESTIMATES WILL TAKE ABOUT A WEEK, WITH
LEGISLATION TAKING EFFECT THE DAY AFTER PROMULGATION.
FONMIN OFFICIAL ALSO SAID UN SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD BE
OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED OF SURINAM'S ACTION THROUGH SURINAM'S

PERMREP IN NEW YORK.

2. FOLLOWING PROMULGATION OF LAW, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE LAW WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE DRAWN UP. LAW ITSELF (DRAFT OF WHICH WAS SUMMARIZED IN 77 PARAMARIBO 0936) PROVIDES FOR EXTENSION OF SURINAM'S TERRITORIAL WATERS TO TWELVE MILES AND A 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE (INCLUDING JURISDICTION OVER FISHING). WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED TEXT OF LAW AS APPROVED BY PARLIAMENT AND WILL FORWARD COPIES TO ADDRESSEES WHEN AVAILABLE.

3. PASSAGE OF LAW COMES NEARLY SIX MONTHS AFTER APPROVAL BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, A DELAY DUE ENTIRELY TO DISRUPTION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ORDINARY DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES PRIOR TO AND FOLLOWING NATIONAL ELECTIONS OCTOBER 31. DURING PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE PRIME MINISTER ARRON REFUSED TO GO INTO GOS PLANS FOR PROTECTING THE AREA COVERED BY THE LAW, WHICH EXCEEDS THE TOTAL LAND AREA OF SURINAM, ON GROUNDS OF NATIONAL INTEREST. HE DID, HOWEVER, INDICATE THAT COOPERATION WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES WILL CERTAINLY BE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORT. ARRON ALSO EXPLAINED THAT SURINAM COULD NO LONGER WAIT TO TAKE THIS STEP INASMUCH AS THOSE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, I. E., GUYANA AND FRENCH GUIANA, HAD ALREADY EXPANDED THEIR JURISDICTION.

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4. WITH REGARD TO FISHING, ARRON IS QUOTED AS STIPULATING A NUMBER OF MATTERS WHICH WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES, INCLUDING TYPES OF FISH, FISHING SEASONS, NUMBERS AND SIZE OF FISH, LOCATIONS AND LIFE EXPECTATIONS OF FISH, FISHING VESSEL CAPACITIES, TRAINING OF THE CREWS, AND THE MANNER OF TRANSPORTING THE FISH TO PARAMARIBO (SIC). IT IS ALSO ANTICIPATED THAT THE GOS WILL BE INCLINED TO GIVE SOME PREFERENCE TO VESSELS OPERATING OUT OF PARAMARIBO OR LANDING THEIR CATCH HERE.

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